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## TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL MEETING

The Society convened in Annual Meeting, its twenty-first annual, in its Rooms in the Young Men's Christian Association Building, Lebanon, Friday, January 24, 1919, at 2 o'clock, P. M. Annual reports were submitted by the Executive Committee, the Treasurer, the Librarian, the Standing Committee on Biography, and the Standing Committee on Necrology. These reports are here given in the order just named. Officers of the Society for the year 1919 were also elected.

## REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee, per its Secretary, S. P. Heilman, reported as follows:

Merely as to the number of meetings held by the Society during the year 1918, it was an exceptionally inactive Society year. No call for the meeting due in April was issued, for the reason that the Paper prepared for that meeting could not be read. Nor were calls issued for the meetings due in the months of June and August for the reason that the hearts and minds and activities of our people were so engrossed with activities in behalf of our Government in the prosecution of the war it had on its hands that it seemed useless to attempt meetings of the Society.

The same conditions prevailed at the time the October meeting was due, superadded to which was the epidemic then in our midst interdicting the holding of any public meetings. The latter hindrance extended far into the month of November, even into December, so that it was thought well even to defer

the Annual Meeting, take it out of the Christmas period, and hold it now under more normal and propitious conditions.

The whole matter had been carefully considered by your Committee, and it decided as it did with some hesitancy and reluctance, feeling, however, that its action as to this matter was prudent and altogether justified. In this respect our Society's affairs were disturbed in no greater degree than those of many similar organizations. The Secretary of the Pennsylvania Federation of Historical Societies, who is in close touch with many historical societies in the State, reports that many of them were compelled largely to curtail their work during the past year of anxiety and peril, mainly in the way of holding meetings, some of them not even having held any meetings.

In pursuance of a request to the Secretary of the Society, December 13, he had appear in the Lebanon dailies, December 19, a statement as to the postponement of the Annual Meeting, which statement also contained two other items given further on in this report.

The Society, therefore, held only one meeting during the year 1918, namely, on February 21, at which meeting there were present just four members, and the only Paper, also, therefore, read before the Society during 1918 was the one read at this February 21 meeting, the title of which Paper was "Some Reminiscences of Noted Men and Times," by Capt. Richards, the President of this Society.

The Society issued the following named publications during the year :

Vol. VII, No. 4. "A Literary Governor." Issued Feb. 26.

Vol. VII, No. 5. "Annual Reports. Twentieth Annual Meeting." Issued May 10.

Vol. VII, No. 6. "The Name Heilman in European, American and Lebanon County History." Issued Nov. 18.

Vol. VII, No. 7. "History of Greenville, The Great Fire at Fredericksburg, and An Old Time Religious Service in Bethel Township." Issued Nov. 18.

The four numbers contain 112 pages reading matter and 14 illustrations.

The Secretary of the Society reports having received:

Annual Dues for 1912 .....	\$ 1 00
Annual Dues for 1913 .....	2 00
Annual Dues for 1914 .....	2 00
Annual Dues for 1915 .....	5 00
Annual Dues for 1916 .....	8 00
Annual Dues for 1917 .....	46 00
Annual Dues for 1918 .....	224 00
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Total Dues .....	\$ 288 00
Sales of Publications of the Society.....	93 25
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Total Receipts .....	\$ 381 25

As to accessions to the Society's Library and Museum, it was an extraordinary and exceptional year, the number of accessions having been about 1,025 pieces, as the Librarian will show in his report. An extended account of these accessions appeared in our Lebanon dailies November 20. (See appended Statement A.)

The membership of the Society was reported at the end of the year 1917 as having been 142. No new members were added during 1918, some resigned, and seven were lost, by death, as the Report of the Committee on Necrology will show, leaving the membership now at 133.

The Treasurer's Report will show that financially the Society is in good condition, and that the balance surplus is very little less than at the end of the previous year 1917. Your Committee endeavored to administer the finances of the Society with prudence and economy.

At a meeting of your Committee, held December 13, 1918, two recommendations were adopted for submission to the Society, one of them pertaining to the holding of an Annual Dinner at this time, and the other to the attitude the Society should hold to a project now under consideration in this city for the erection of a suitable memorial in honor, and to the memory, of the soldiers and sailors who went from Lebanon County into the country's wars. Both these recommendations were set forth as a part of the statement made to our members

and to the public per the Lebanon dailies, December 19, 1918, previously referred to in this report. (See appended Statement B.)

These recommendations of your Executive Committee are before you now for your consideration and disposition.

This is a fair presentation of the Society's affairs during the year 1918. It does not show much meeting activity, but it does show much other activity in behalf of the Society.

To the same extent that all other of our public and private affairs are being adjusted from war requisites back to normal conditions we hope this Society may also resume in full its former active work along all lines, and to this end let us all strive to contribute to our utmost.

#### STATEMENT A

The Lebanon County Historical Society has recently been made the grateful recipient, by donation and by bequest, of an extraordinary number of rare and valuable books, documents, bound and unbound files of Lebanon newspapers, curios, portraits, files of bound magazines, maps, library cases, portraits, easels, photographs and wall ornaments, all told about one thousand and twenty-five in number.

These documents came from J. Jay Embich, who contributed about 300 pieces; E. U. Sowers, 21 bound volumes of the Lebanon Daily Report; Mrs. C. Penrose Sherk (now deceased) 13 bound volumes of the Lebanon Courier, and 27 volumes of other newspaper and magazine files; Geo. M. Lehman, of Pittsburgh, Pa., 33 pieces of curios and Indian relics; from the library of the late Col. T. T. Worth 525 pieces; from the Estate of the late Cyrus G. Rauch 56 pieces, including a fine portrait of his brother, the late Dr. John H. Rauch, and from C. Penrose Sherk 59 pieces, together with his gift of two library cases into which to place the material that came from him and from Mrs. Sherk and from the Worth Library. Recent acquisitions also include a bound file of the Lebanon Daily Times, the gift of its editor and proprietor, Charles M. Bowman.

This is a marvellous array of valuable accessions to the Society's Library and Museum, and in its largest portion bears directly on the history, life and development of Lebanon County, and on its many noble men and women who in the past adorned their homeland, or went out into other sections of our wide country to hew out their destinies. Many other contributors of rarities and valuables there are, whose gifts, if less in number, are equally appreciated, and their names and bounties are none the less made of remembrance on the Society's records.

If it is true that imitation is the sincerest flattery then here are worthy exemplars for you to imitate at the same time that you will be doing your County Historical Society, and your community, a positively good thing in here depositing out of your store things curious and valuable, illustrative of the past and present pertaining to the literature, art, lore, tradition and story of your county, and which those who will come after you may study and profit thereby.

#### STATEMENT B

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Lebanon County Historical Society, held Dec. 13, 1918, it was agreed, on account of the existing epidemic, to postpone to the fourth Friday in January, 1919, the Annual Meeting of the Society to have been held the third Friday in December, this year.

#### ANNUAL DINNER

As to our annual dinner, so successfully held in the past years by the Society, it was agreed to recommend to the Society at its next meeting, not to hold a dinner this year, the holding of which might in a sense be well timed on account of the joy over the conclusion of the long war we have passed through, yet in a larger sense might be considered as quite inopportune at this time on account of the sorrow in many of the homes in our community over the loss of a husband, brother or son "over there," and this further accentuated by the sorrow existing in many of our households on account of death's recent invasions there, intensifying the sadness of our people and casting a shadow over our community, wherein our sympathetic attitude to those in bereavement may be very suitably expressed by abstaining at this time from festive procedures, this, however, not to preclude a great jubilee by the Society in the near future.

#### WAR MEMORIAL

The Committee also agreed to recommend to the Society taking the most friendly and helpful attitude towards the project now under way in our community towards erecting a building that shall be a worthy memorial to the soldiers and sailors from this county who so gallantly fought in our Civil and Spanish Wars, as well as those who went across to battle for the honor and safety of our country, and for the ends of freedom and righteousness, and also laid down their lives in these heroic struggles, as also such a building would prove a fitting testimonial to those who there struggled not less gallantly but are privileged to return to their home fires in their homeland.

Such a building, centrally located, of stately design, and artistically environed, could be made to serve as a home for Lebanon County's Historical Society, and for its already large collection of historical material. Furthermore, it naturally would become the repository of



documents and material pertaining to Lebanon county's part in the late war; for a roster of its men engaged therein; volunteer, registration and draft records; sketches and pictures of Lebanon county's men that were in the service; Red Cross records; Liberty Loan campaigns; Tobacco and Chocolate contributions; War Savings and Thrift Stamp work; Boy and Girl Scouts' accomplishments, the splendid work done by the women; newspaper files; recounts of public meetings held in the city and the county, with a record of those who so inspiringly addressed these meetings; liberty sings; the inspiring contributions by our bands and musical organizations; the outpouring of our people in marching order, augmented by our fraternity and military organizations; the uplifting voices of our clergymen—a grand repository for records along all these lines, and many more, not only for their preservation but for their reference value to our returned soldiers, as also a memorial exhibit for their children and their children's children, and kept open and accessible throughout all the days of the year for visitation, historical study and memorial augmentation.

Such a building might also be made to provide homes for kindred organizations, such as the Grand Army of the Republic, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Children of the American Revolution, the Women's Club, and other organizations of war record, all of which organizations naturally might be given permanent homes in the memorial building, they naturally would belong there, and jointly contribute for meeting up-keep expenses.

## REPORT OF THE TREASURER

The Treasurer, E. W. Miller, Esq., reported (only totals are given here)

A balance in his hands December 21, 1917, of....\$	684 39
Received during the year 1918 from the Secretary, S. P. Heilman, M.D., for Fees, Dues and miscellaneous sources .....	288 00
And from the same on account of publications of the Society sold .....	93 25
Appropriation of county funds by the County Commissioners, January 20, 1919.....	200 00
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	\$ 1,265 64
Payments made on duly executed vouchers .....	\$ 666 70
Balance in his hands January 24, 1919.	598 94
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	<u>1,265 64</u>

## REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN

The Librarian, Chas. D. Weirick, Esq., reported as follows:

Owing to my duties in the U. S. Employment Service in this city, prior to, and at the time of this Annual Meeting of the Society, I could find no time to prepare a Librarian's Report such as I had minded preparing, and, therefore, suggest that in lieu thereof Statement A appended to the Executive Committee's Report be taken as setting forth what needs to be said at this time as to the Society's Library and Museum affairs.

## REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON BIOGRAPHY

The Standing Committee on Biography, Messrs. Thos. S. Stein, Wm. M. Guilford and John L. Rockey, reported as follows:

The influence of the clergy on the religious, moral and educational status of a community is great. It was greater in the early days of our State, when newspapers were rare, books few, and public schools not yet established. Then frequently the pastors were the only well-educated persons in a community and were regarded with reverence and respect by almost every one. But now, with a daily paper in every family, books in every household, and children enjoying the advantages of the public school, together with railroad, telegraph and telephone promoting association and communication with one another, the clergyman no longer holds the influential position he once held, notwithstanding that he is an important, nay, a necessary, factor in society.

This year the Committee on Biography decided to present a brief sketch of Rev. William Hiester, formerly a man of high standing in Lebanon and the surrounding region.

### REV. WILLIAM HIESTER,

the youngest of seven children, and the son of Joseph Hiester and Elizabeth Strunk, was born November 11, 1770, in Bern Township, Berks County. He was a cousin of Governor Joseph Hiester, and a grand-uncle of the late Jonathan E. Hiester, D.D., whom my hearers will readily recall to mind.

Rev. William Hiester was a carpenter in his youth. While working at his trade a companion workman suddenly died. It fell to William to make his coffin. This made him serious and finally led him to prepare himself for the ministry.

In 1796 he began a course in theology under Rev. Daniel Wagner, of York, Pa. At the Reformed Church Synod which met at Lancaster, April 30, 1798, he was examined and permitted to serve two congregations in Donegal, Lancaster County, as a catechist.

A catechist was authorized to preach and catechise, but not to administer the sacraments. He was under the supervision, or oversight, of a neighboring minister, whom he was to consult in all cases of doubt or difficulty.

In this capacity Rev. Hiester served one year. In 1799 he was ordained in his own charge. He preached also at Rapho and Manheim. In 1800 he received a call from the Tabor Reformed Church of Lebanon and three other congregations. He accepted this call, thus succeeding, after a vacancy of three years, Rev. Ludwig Lupp. Rev. Hiester continued to serve his Lancaster County congregations until 1808, when he relinquished Lancaster County and confined his labors to Lebanon and the surrounding country.

Dr. Klopp, in his history of Tabor Reformed Church of Lebanon, states that at this time "the town of Lebanon had within the borough limits (as fixed in 1861), 165 dwelling houses—one three-story, 85 two-story and 79 one-story; 4 brick, 18 stone and the remainder built of wood entirely. Two stone churches, Reformed and Lutheran."

In 1800, when Rev. Hiester came to Lebanon, his charge consisted of Lebanon (Tabor), Jonestown, Schaefferstown, Millerstown (Annville), Campbelltown, Hill Church, Kimmerling's, Walmer's and Bindnagle's. These congregations he served until 1828 (except Kimmerling's). But we find him preaching also at Pinegrove, Shoop's, Wenrich's, Palmer's and Gunkel's. At these points he preached and catechised chiefly on weekdays and held communion once or twice a year.

These many stations meant an immense amount of work.

In his pocket diary almost every day in some months is marked. As a rule, he preached three times on Sunday, riding eight to ten miles between appointments.

What a charge! Were it not a matter of record, one would scarcely believe it. The responsibility of such a charge seems enough to crush one. Divine aid alone can enable one to bear it.

Rev. Hiester was married to Anna Maria Bentz. This union produced eleven children, seven sons and four daughters. Mrs. Hiester proved a faithful spouse and survived her husband five years.

Hard study and pastoral work wore out Rev. Hiester before his time. Besides his daily tasks, he did much extra work. From 1803 to 1828 he solemnized 874 marriages, an average of 35 a year for 25 years. He was active until within a few months of his death, which occurred at Lebanon, February 8, 1828. When the sad news of his death reached his churches, the bells were tolled in honor of their beloved pastor. Rev. William Hendel preached the funeral sermon on the 11th of February, 1828, in the Reformed Church, choosing for his text Deut. 31:16, "And the Lord said unto Moses, Behold, thou shalt sleep with thy fathers." The Rev. Mr. Ernst, the Lutheran pastor of Lebanon, spoke on the humility of the deceased. The funeral was largely attended. The interment took place on the Reformed Church cemetery. The German inscription on his tomb reads, when translated, as follows:

TO THE MEMORY OF

REV. WILLIAM HIESTER,

FOR 28 YEARS MINISTER IN LEBANON AND THE SURROUNDING  
REFORMED CONGREGATIONS, BORN NOV. 11, 1790. HE BEGAT 11  
CHILDREN, 7 SONS AND 4 DAUGHTERS. DIED FEB. 8, 1828, AGED  
58 YEARS, 2 MONTHS, AND 28 DAYS.

Then are appended several stanzas of poetry, admonishing his members to be faithful and meet their pastor on high.

Rev. Henry Kroh became his successor in the pastorate.

Rev. Hiester was a fluent speaker, using no notes in his discourses. He had a remarkable memory and was very apt in

quoting Scripture. He had a musical voice and was a good singer. His clear notes could frequently be heard ringing out in the worship of the sanctuary.

Another trait of Mr. Hiester was punctuality. Snow, rain, or mud, he was on time. To make time he frequently carried his dinner in his pocket and ate it on horseback. In winter he left home before dawn and returned late at night. Of course, such a man could not accept excuses for tardiness on the part of his members. Rev. Hiester was a strong advocate of educational methods. He argued strongly in favor of the Reformed Theological Seminary, at a time when a great deal of opposition and prejudice was prevalent.

He was popular and held in high esteem. The Hebron Diary speaks very favorably of him. Among other things, the diarist records: "July 16, 1800, visited the Rev. Hiester. He is a dear man, who has the welfare of souls at heart."

"1802, June 5th, attended with pleasure at the confirmation of more than 40 young persons in the Reformed Church. The fatherly admonitions of the Rev. Hiester seemed to make a deep impression on old and young."

The following notice is taken from the "Wahrer Demokrat," February, 1828:

"Fell asleep in the Lord in this city on Friday, the eighth of this month, Rev. William Hiester, preacher of the Reformed Church, in the fifty-eighth year of his earthly pilgrimage. The cause of his death was consumption. In the thirty years during which he officiated in this and neighboring churches, he showed at all times as teacher, friend, and citizen the warmest solicitude for the welfare of his fellowmen and especially for the salvation of the souls confided to his care. He continued his good work until about three months before his departure from this world.

"The vast multitude attending the last solemn rites showed how much he was loved and esteemed as a faithful servant of the Lord and as a benefactor of mankind.

"His body was laid to rest in the burying-grounds of the Reformed Church on Monday, the 11th of the month. Rev. Mr. Hendel officiated at the funeral and delivered a sermon



full of consolation and religious instruction to the mourners assembled around the grave.

"He left a widow and seven children to mourn his loss. May the Great Shepherd, who in His mercy holds out the promise of priceless rewards for faithfulness in His service, grant that the work done by him for many years in this city and vicinity be long and gratefully remembered, and bear precious fruit in all eternity."

In conclusion, we would remark that the labors of such a man can not be fully estimated. Not only the extent of his services, but the difficulties surmounted in serving so large a charge under the far different conditions of that day from ours, impress us as something wonderful. But the faithful pastor now reaps his reward.

## REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON NECROLOGY

The Standing Committee on Necrology, Messrs. S. P. Heilman, J. L. Lemberger and C. R. Lantz, reported having had referred to it during the year 1918 the deaths of the following members of the Society for the preparation of "suitable obituaries" of the same:

Thomas J. Mays, M.D. Died February 13.

J. Taylor Boyd. Died April 5.

Samuel R. Ludwig. Died April 28.

William T. Bruce, M.D. Died June 1.

Isaac Kegerreis. Died September 15.

David T. Werner, Ph.D. Died November 19.

Andrew B. Gloninger, M.D. Died December 3.

(For their "obituaries" see succeeding pages.)

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The following were elected the officers of the Society for the year 1919:

*President:*

Capt. H. M. M. Richards, Litt.D., Lebanon, Pa.

*Vice-Presidents:*

Prof. H. H. Shenk, A.M., Annville, Pa.

E. L. Bleistein, Myerstown, Pa.

*Secretary:*

S. P. Heilman, M.D., Lebanon, Pa.

*Treasurer:*

E. W. Miller, Esq., Lebanon, Pa.

*Librarian:*

C. D. Weirick, Esq., Lebanon, Pa.

*Executive Committee:*

E. Grumbine, M.D., Mt. Zion, Pa.

C. D. Weirick, Esq., Lebanon, Pa.

(Terms expire 1919)

Prof. Thos. S. Stein, Annville, Pa.

John M. Allwein, Lebanon, Pa.

(Terms expire 1920)

Rev. T. E. Schmauk, D.D., LL.D., Lebanon, Pa.

H. C. Grittinger, Lebanon, Pa.

(Terms expire 1921)

## STANDING COMMITTEES

President Richards named the following the Standing Committees for the year 1919:

- A. ON BIOGRAPHY. *Object*: "The preparation of brief biographical sketches of men and women prominent in the past history or affairs of the County; and their publication by the Society."

Prof. Thos. S. Stein, Annville, Pa.

Wm. M. Guilford, M.D., Lebanon, Pa.

John L. Rockey, Lebanon, Pa.

- B. ON HISTORY. *Object*: "The advancement of historical research relating to the County, together with the presentation at the bi-monthly or annual meetings of the Society of a resume of current events or happenings in the County."

Rev. T. E. Schmauk, D.D., LL.D., Lebanon, Pa.

Rev. A. E. Gobble, D.D., Myerstown, Pa.

H. C. Grittinger, Lebanon, Pa.

- C. ON GENEALOGY. *Object*: "The preparation and acquisition of genealogical records and biographical sketches of the members of the Society, both of the living and of the dead; and their publication by the Society."

Chas. D. Weirick, Esq., Lebanon, Pa.

Prof. H. H. Shenk, Annville, Pa.

Frank S. Becker, Lebanon, Pa.

- D. ON CURIOS, RELICS AND ANTIQUES. *Object*: "The acquisition by donation, loan or purchase of any and all kinds of tools, appliances and objects of antiquarian interest; and their preservation in the Society's Library and Museum."

Hiram L. Illig, Sheridan, Pa.

Luther G. Harpel, Lebanon, Pa.

Francis H. E. Gleim, Lebanon, Pa.

- E. ON NECROLOGY. *Object*: "The preparation annually of obituaries of members of the Society deceased during the year; and their publication by the Society."

S. P. Heilman, M.D., Lebanon, Pa.

J. L. Lemberger, Ph.D., Lebanon, Pa.

C. R. Lantz, Esq., Lebanon, Pa.

- F. ON HOUSEHOLD ART WORK. *Object*: "The preparation of papers bearing on, and descriptive of, earlier household products, together with the acquisition of material or examples of such

products, including both the utilitarian and the artistic, such as needle-work, embroideries, old-time quilt patterns, rare laces, in short, anything along the line of the useful, the curious and the ingenious from amongst by-gone domestic products; and their preservation in the Society's Museum."

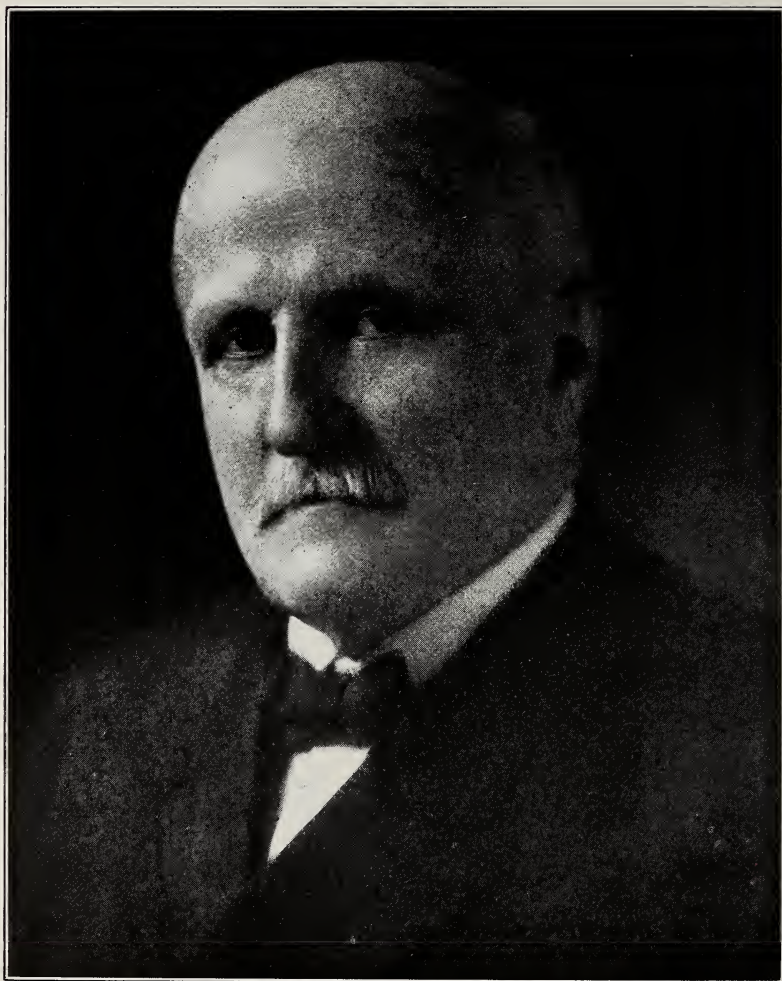
Mrs. C. J. Barr, Lebanon, Pa.

Miss Nora M. Snavely, Cleona, Pa.

Mrs. Mary B. Meyer, Annville, Pa.







THOMAS J. MAYS, M.D.

## In Memoriam

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THOMAS J. MAYS, A.M., M.D.

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Born January 10, 1846. Died February 14, 1918. Aged 72 years, 1 month, 4 days.

Dr. Mays was born near Schaefferstown, Lebanon County, Pa., a son of George W. Mays, Esq., and Sarah (Spayd) Mays.

The Mays people were early settlers in the Heidelberg section of Lebanon County. Henry Mays, the ancestor of Dr. Thos. J. and his brother, Valentine, were married to daughters of John Adam Heilman, of (now Heilman Dale in) Lebanon Township (then Lancaster County), who was a soldier in the War of the Revolution, the latter a son of John Adam Heilman, of the same aforesaid place, who commanded a company of Lebanon County men in the French and Indian War, the names of which daughters were Anna Catharine (Heilman), the wife of the said Henry Mays, and Sabina (Heilman), the wife of said Valentine Mays. The Mays family has had amongst its members doctors, lawyers, teachers and others of noteworthiness. Dr. George, Mr. Milton and Dr. Thomas were at one time or another members of the Lebanon County Historical Society.

The school years of Dr. Thomas were spent in the local schools and academies of the county, and his professional course was taken at the Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, from which he received the degree of M.D., in the year 1868, and in the year 1886 the degree of A.M. from Ursinus College, Collegeville, Pa.

He practiced his profession at Williamsport, Pa., from 1870 to 1875, and later at Upper Lehigh, Pa., from 1875 to 1885.

In order to familiarize himself more thoroughly with the latest advances in Physiology, and especially to study diseases of the lungs and heart, with particular reference to Pulmonary Consumption, he took a course in 1882 to 1883, in the Medical Department of the University of Berlin, Germany, and in the Brompton Hospital for Consumptives in London, England.

In the year 1885 he moved to Philadelphia to continue his practice there, where also he was at one time an Associate in the Polyclinic of that city. Numerous promotions followed, amongst these, in 1898, that of Professor of Diseases of the Chest in the institution just named, which he held until 1902. He assisted in organizing the Rush Hospital for Consumptives in Philadelphia; was one of the Visiting Physicians to St. Mary's Home, and one of the Consulting Physicians to the Institution for the Feeble-minded at Vineland, N. J.

Dr. Mays was a member of the American Medical Association; the American Neurological Association; the State Medical Society of Pennsylvania; the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Philadelphia; the County Medical Society of Philadelphia, and of the Lebanon County Historical Society; to which he was admitted April 26, 1901, and at the Eighth Annual Banquet of that Society, held December 29, 1905, spoke to the toast, "Early Lebanon County Recollections."

He made valuable discoveries in Experimental Histology; originated the treatment of tuberculosis and epilepsy with rattlesnake venom (Crolatin), and since 1914 made valuable experiments along that line, and obtained remarkable results from the use of that drug, and also wrote numerous articles on the subject for medical journals. He was an extensive writer along medical lines, having contributed several hundred articles to various medical and surgical publications, most of which were devoted to chest diseases, mainly amongst said articles these: "Pulmonary Consumption a Nervous Disease," "Therapeutic Forces," and "Consumption, Pneumonia and Their Allies."

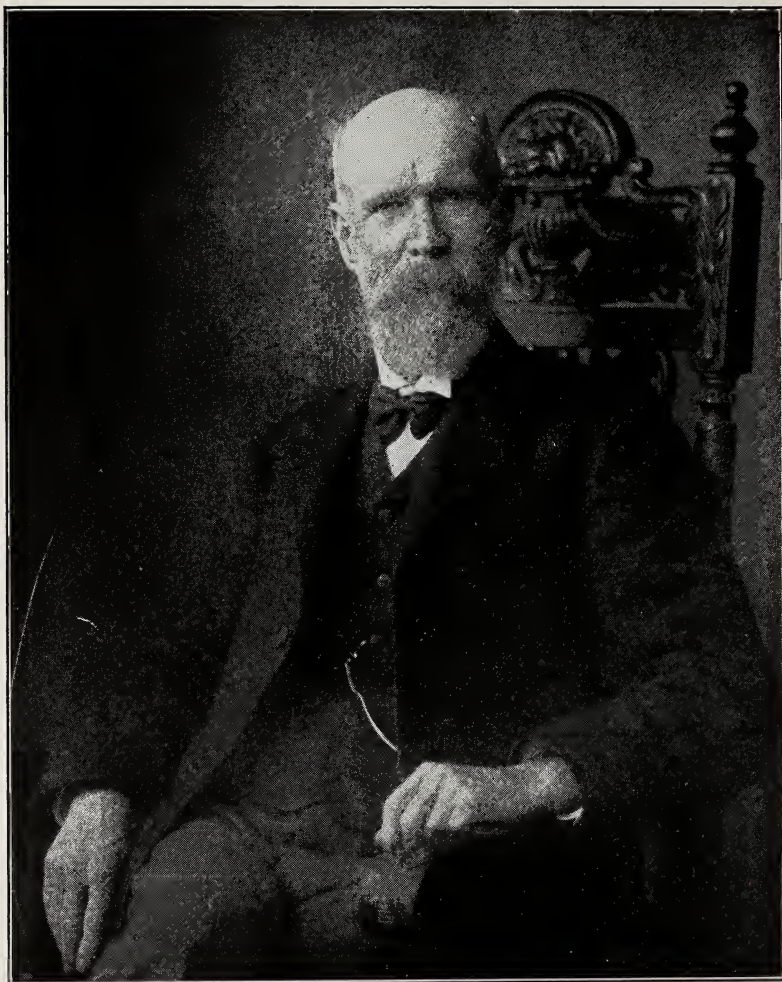
On April 13, 1871, he was married to Miss Agnes J., a daughter of William Tice, of Myerstown, Pa., who survives him, together with three sons, Edmund A. Mays, in New York

City; Thomas H. Mays, M.D. in practice at Freeland, Luzerne Co., Pa., and Alexander Tice Mays, M.D., practicing in Brooklyn, N. Y., but now in the U. S. Army service.

Dr. Mays had obtained high place in his profession, was everywhere well regarded by his professional associates, was widely sought as a consultant in cases coming within his special line of study (heart and lung troubles), was of pleasing personality, and filled out a career of which we in Lebanon County, and especially Schaefferstown, the place of his nativity, can say that it was honorable in fulfillment and notable in achievement.

S. P. H.





J. TAYLOR BOYD



## J. TAYLOR BOYD

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Born November 14, 1828. Died April 5, 1918. Aged 89 years, 5 months, 21 days.

Mr. Boyd was born in Hartford County, Maryland, a son of Stephen Cooper Boyd and Milcha (Taylor) Boyd, who resided on the old Boyd plantation known as "Pleasant View." He attended the county school in the neighborhood, and afterwards taught one year in the school-house his father had erected at that place, following which he took a course at "Bryant and Strattons," Baltimore, Maryland.

In 1852 he came to the Elizabeth Furnace in Lancaster County, as its Assistant Superintendent. It was there that he cast his first ballot. In 1854 he was sent to Cornwall to take charge of the G. Dawson Coleman interests in the Cornwall Ore Mines, and later, as a sequel to the organization, January 29, 1864, of all the ore mining interests into one body, the Cornwall Ore Bank Co., was appointed its General Superintendent, which position he filled for 39 years. On May 21, 1902, some of these properties were sold to the Pennsylvania Steel Company, of which Company he was made the Treasurer, which he relinquished only at the opening of the year 1918, at which time the Bethlehem Steel Co. became the owner of the ore properties.

During his period at Cornwall, where he had a fine sandstone residence, he served as Director on the Cornwall School Board, and also for many years was President of the Cornwall Township School Board. He was the first to propose free school text-books and a nine months' term in that township. During this period of his service as School Director the High School Building at Bismarck (now Quentin) was erected. After this the township was divided into North and South Cornwall.

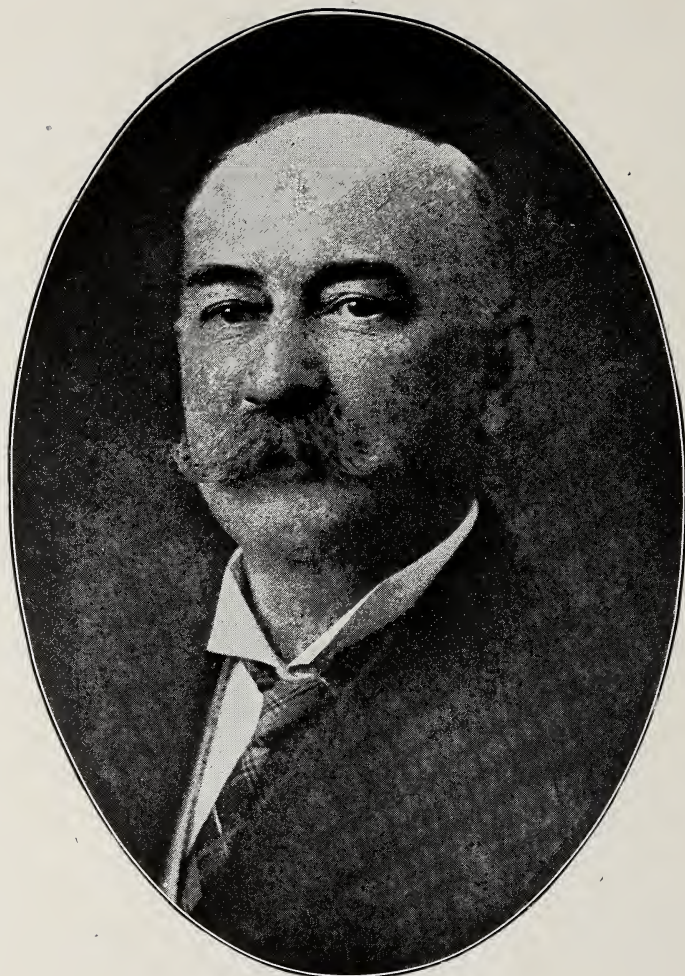
About 18 years ago Mr. Boyd took up his residence in Hathaway Park, Lebanon, whereby, although his house was for a long time the only one in that part of Lebanon, he was instrumental in the laying out of the Park, and developing it into the finest residence section of the city.

On February 1, 1854, he took for his bride Miss Louisa McKeen, of Little Britain Township, Lancaster County, who survives him, together with a daughter, Miss Virginia, and a son J. C. Boyd.

Engrossed as he was for many years in most exacting duties, yet he took time to indulge his literary tastes, of which he was well possessed. He was a reader of good books, and kept himself well versed in current literature. He also had abilities along artistic lines. Although of quiet mien, he was a good talker and spoke interestingly of things. If his life was less marked by outward display, yet it was one of solidity and thoroughness in effect.

S. P. H.





SAMUEL R. LUDWIG

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Born December 17, 1851. Died April 28, 1918. Aged 66 years, 4 months, 11 days.

Mr. Ludwig was born in West Cocalico Township, Lancaster Co., Pa., the son of John and Mary (Long) Ludwig. When eight years of age, he went to New York, and there for a number of years attended school at the Hasbrouch Institute, Jersey City. He then connected himself in business with S. S. Long and I. S. Long, Produce Commission merchants in New York City, and later was one of the firm of S. S. Long and Bro. in the same business in that city. In 1916, on account of impaired health, and after a business career of 48 years, he retired to his summer home at Sheridan, Lebanon County, and continued to reside there the balance of his years. Here he also owned and conducted a fine farm.

He was a member of the Gansvoorth Market Business Men's Association of New York City, of the Jersey City Club, Jersey City, N. J., and of the Dutch Reformed Church of Jersey City.

On November 3, 1886, he was united in wedlock with Miss Catharine E. Schultz, of Sheridan, Pa., who survives him, together with a daughter, Esther L., the wife of Clarence D. Becker, Attorney-at-Law in the City of Lebanon, and a grandchild, Kathryn Louise Becker.

Mr. Ludwig was a thorough type of the successful business man in the line in which he was engaged, and the Long firm ranked high in the Produce Commission Market in New York City, its business having attained, and for many years held, a foremost place in that city's produce market.

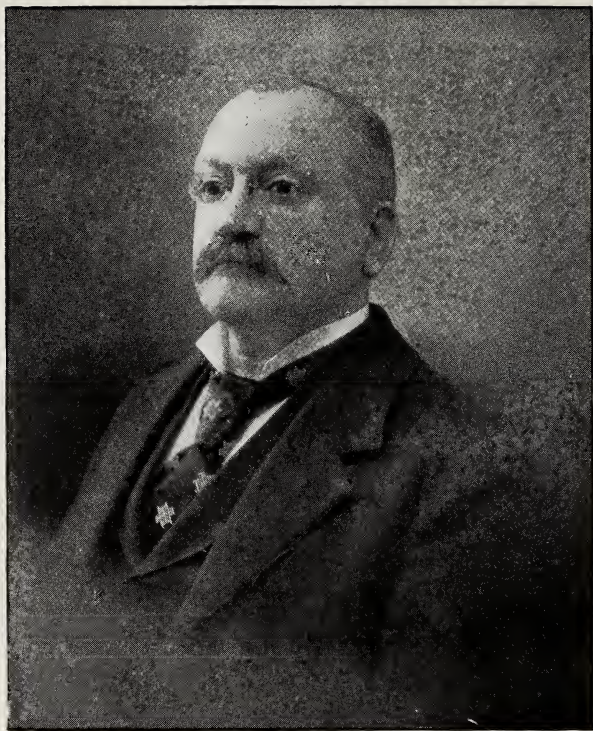
Incident to his vacation period at Sheridan in the summer of 1913 he sought membership in the Lebanon County Historical Society, to which he was admitted August 15 of that year, and took an active interest in its work.



He was genial in manners, and a worthy representative of the Long family, for many years the foremost in the science and art of agriculture and horticulture in the southeastern section of Lebanon county's fertile lands.

S. P. H.





WILLIAM T. BRUCE, M.D.

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Born September 1, 1845. Died June 1, 1918. Aged 72 years, 9 months.

Dr. Bruce was born in Cornwall Township, Lebanon Co., Pa., a son of Richard and Mary (Ramsey) Bruce, who moved to Lebanon at the time the son was two years of age. Here in due time the latter entered the city's public schools. In 1867 the Bruce family moved to Pottsville, Pa., and established a home there. Here the son went under the instruction of Dr. Becker, of that city, for a course in medicine, which he completed at the Hahnemann Medical College, Philadelphia, in the year 1876.

Following this he practiced his profession at Quakertown, Pa., for a period of ten years, and then, in 1886, moved to Lebanon. Here he continued his practice, and with great success, relinquishing the same, however, for some years before his death on account of physical disabilities. Besides his practice he also carried on a Homeopathic Pharmacy from the year 1892 on, opening the same in the Louser Building. Later he removed the pharmacy to the Buck building, immediately opposite the Bruce residence, 46 North Ninth Street, of which latter he acquired possession about 15 years ago, the same having been the residence of the late Dr. George Lineaweaver, by whom the house was erected.

In addition to his practice Dr. Bruce took an active interest in the municipal affairs of the city. He was a member of City Council from 1897 to 1899, during which period the city purchased the building at the corner of Ninth and Scull streets, now known as City Hall, wherein to assemble the various city offices. He was a member of the City Board of Health from 1902 to 1908, and of its School Board, or City School Controllers, from 1912 to 1916, during which period the fine High School Building at Sixth and Chestnut streets, now completed

and in use, was arranged and contracted for, and in which movement he had a part.

He was a member of the Lebanon Club, of the Lebanon County Homeopathic Society, of the Lebanon County Historical Society, to which he was admitted February 19, 1904, and of the Centenary Methodist Church.

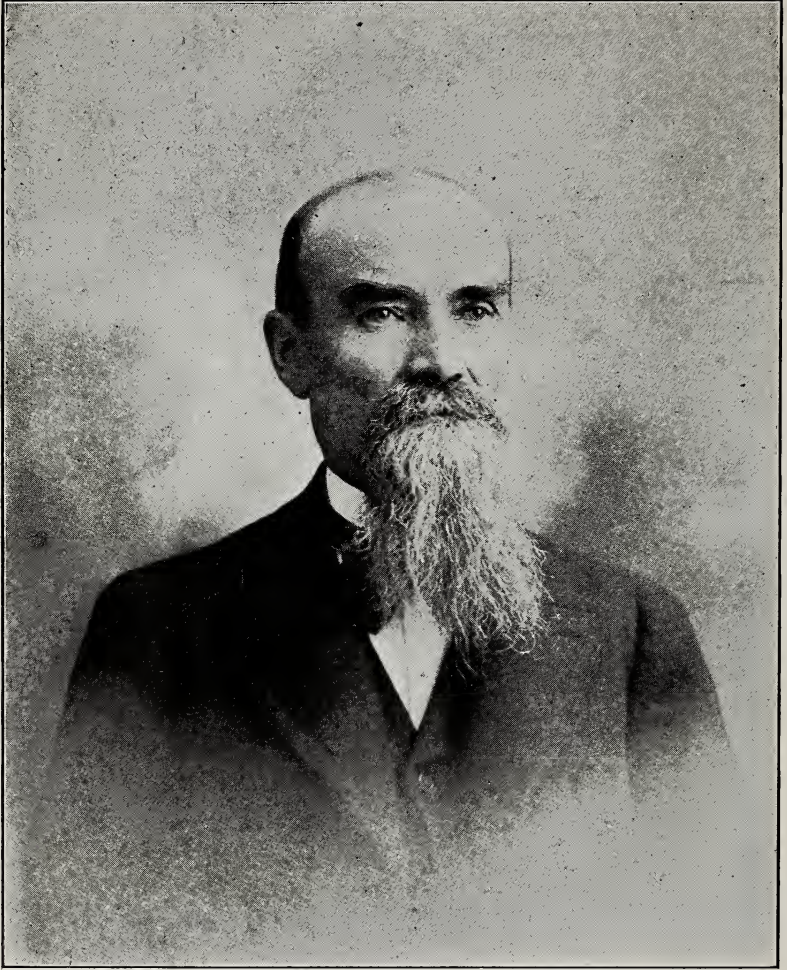
On June 28, 1870, he entered into marriage with Miss Mary R. Kline, a daughter of the late Judge Klein, of Pottsville, Pa. She survives him, together with a daughter, the wife of S. P. Light, Esq., of this city, and two sons, W. Stanley Bruce, also of this city, and Robert Bruce, of Ridgway, Pa.

The career of Dr. Bruce was one of marked activity, both professionally and in municipal affairs, in which he evinced possession of good judgment and marked ability in constructive endeavor, and thereby gained the good will, esteem and confidence of his fellow-citizens.

S. P. H.







ISAAC KEGERRIS

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Born March 10, 1840. Died September 15, 1918. Aged 78 years, 6 months, 5 days.

Mr. Kegerreis was born the second son of Christian and Catharine (Kurtz) Kegerreis, who had their home in West Cocalico Township, Lancaster Co., Pa., and grandson of Jacob Kegerreis, who in his youth had settled in the aforesaid township, Lancaster Co.

The son, Isaac, attended the local schools of his township until the age of eleven, when, in order to become more conversant with the English language, he was, for two years, placed into two English-speaking families in the southern part of Lancaster County. Subsequently, in Dauphin County, the new home of his father, he served as mercantile clerk in the store of 'Squire Samuel Henry, Derry Church, and then with Christian Bowman, Campbelltown, Lebanon County. After attending school at White Hall, a few miles west of Harrisburg, he took a course at the Millersville Normal School, Lancaster County. Thus equipped, he taught school for several terms. In the Spring of 1863 he proceeded to Loudenville, Ohio, to clerk in a general store for John Lawell, and later in a large mercantile establishment in Chicago. In pursuance of a request he, in 1865, returned east to his father to assist the latter on his farm, but in the Fall of that year again taught in his former school.

In the Spring of 1867 Mr. Kegerreis moved to Reinholds-ville, Lancaster County, but remained there only till 1869, when he sold out his possessions there and then, in the Spring of that year, moved to Richland, Lebanon County, where he made his home for the remainder of his life. Here in 1871 he entered into the wholesale liquor business with William Lesh, under the firm name of Lesh & Kegerreis, continuing in the same for a period of eight years. Then, in 1880, with Samuel Klopp as partner, he began the business of manufacturing

cigars and packing leaf tobacco. This partnership was dissolved in 1885, after which Mr. Kegerreis followed the wholesale leaf tobacco business.

In 1876 he was elected Justice of the Peace, was twice re-elected to the same, and held said position until 1891, when he was appointed Notary Public, which office he held to the day of his death, served the same most acceptably, and thereby also besides, and in addition to his other business pursuits, he became widely known as a surveyor and conveyancer in that section. He also served two terms as School Director, one of these terms as School District Treasurer, and in 1891 was a candidate for Associate Judge of Lebanon County.

He was an active participant in many of Richland's progressive developments, now held as one of the most beautiful and healthful towns in the Lebanon Valley. Amongst these activities the two main were in his having secured in 1871, along with others of his town, the passage of a special Act of Assembly authorizing the paving and grading of the streets of Richland, and, in 1888, in helping to secure the incorporation of the Richland Water Company, of which Company he became, and remained, the Secretary.

On May 8, 1865, Mr. Kegerreis married Miss Susan Kurtz, of West Cocalico Township, Lancaster County. They had six children, three of whom died young. Those surviving, with Mrs. Kegerreis, are Ida L., the wife of Albert K. Hostetter, Cashier of the Conestoga National Bank, Lancaster, Pa.; Robert Benjamin, residing in New York City, and Miss Sallie, at home, a Notary Public.

Mr. Kegerreis was a model citizen, expert in business, a man of wide and honorable repute, and whether in his daily, or only occasional, contacts with men, he was warm in his greetings, and gave others due esteem as he himself was held in high esteem by them. Moreover, he maintained to the last a youthful heart, and constantly evidenced warmest interest in the affairs of younger people around him. To this trait of his abundant and touching attestation was given on the day of his burial in that the children of the town came in large numbers to look upon his mortal remains, for he had been known amongst them as a lover of children.

S. P. H.







DAVID T. WERNER, PH.D.

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Born August 12, 1864. Died November 19, 1918. Aged 54 years, 3 months, 7 days.

Dr. Werner was a son of the late David and Sarah (Groh) Werner, of South Lebanon Township, Lebanon County. After attending the township public schools he took a full course in the Lebanon High School, from which he was graduated in the year 1882.

He then for two years taught in the public schools of the county, following which he attended Palatinate College, Myerstown, for one year (1885), then entered the sophomore class. Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, Pa., where he was graduated in 1889. In the Fall of the latter year he took the Principalship of Public Schools in Nassau, Iowa, which he served for two years, then returned to Lebanon in the Spring of 1891, and in the Fall of the following year, 1892, proceeded to Philadelphia for a two year course in the College of Pharmacy in that city. In the Fall of 1894 he went to the Goettingen University, Germany, for a three year special course in chemistry, and there, in 1897, was given his Ph.D. degree. On his return to his native land he served for a short period (1900) as chemist to the Acetylene Gas Co., at Lawn, Pa., and then for eleven years as teacher in the Science Department of the Lebanon High School, at the end of which period he relinquished professional work to accept the position of Cashier of the Peoples Bank, of Lebanon, Pa., to which he was elected in 1911, and held the same to the day of his death. By his careful work there, and his urbane manners, he added much to the prestige of that bank, not only holding its already large patronage, but extending it to its present place in local banking circles.

He was a member of the Salem Lutheran Church of this city, and also of its Church Council, and as such took a deep

interest, and wielded large influence, in the work of that Church, and for his wise counsel and pleasing personality, will be much missed there. He also was a member of the Lebanon County Historical Society, which he joined August 15, 1913.

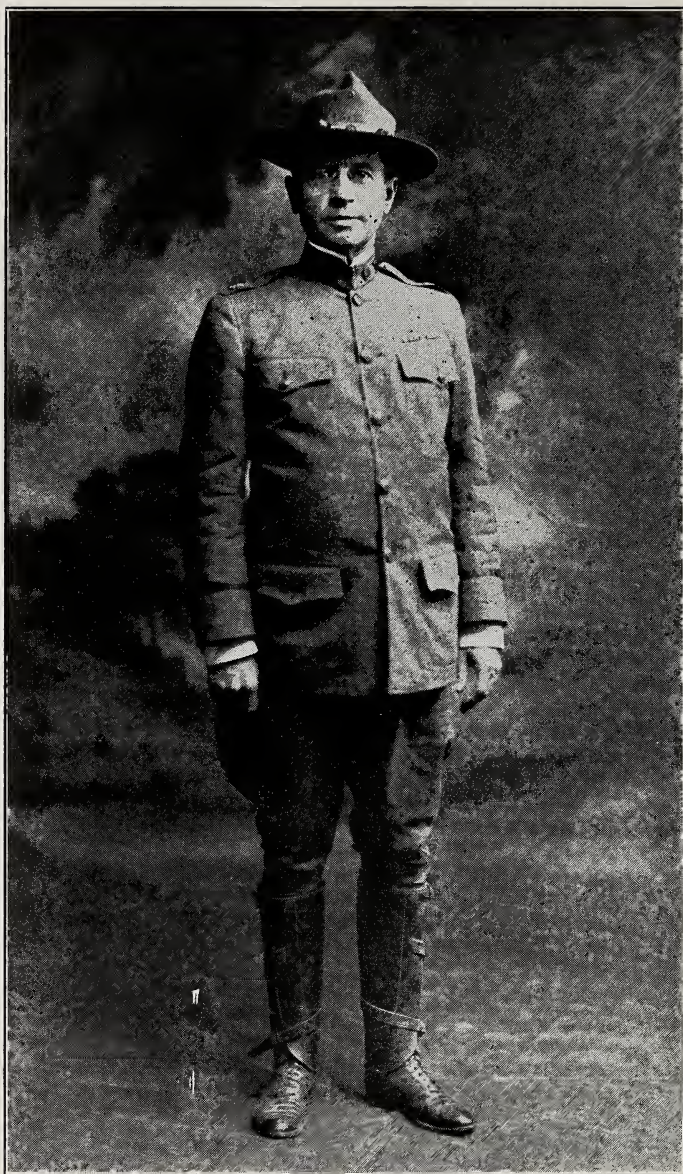
On November 17, 1892, he united in wedlock with Miss Susan Louser, a daughter of the late William Louser, of this city. They had as offspring three children, William Werner, who at the time of his father's death was, and still is, with the U. S. Expeditionary Forces in France; Miss Sarah Werner, a student at Mt. Holyoke College, Massachusetts, and David T. Werner, at home, all of whom, together with Mrs. Werner, survive the husband and father, Dr. Werner.

In all his activities Dr. Werner was faithful and upright in his administration of them, he was quiet in demeanor, honored and respected for his personal worth, and will be remembered for the integrity of the life he led, and for his exemplary Christian conduct, a life so early and sadly to be terminated, as one of the county's worthy citizens.

S. P. H.







ANDREW B. GLONINGER, M.D.



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Born June 14, 1861. Died December 3, 1918. Aged 57 years, 5 months, 19 days.

Dr. Gloninger was the son of Dr. Cyrus D. and Julia A. (Beaumont) Gloninger, and grandson of Dr. John W. and Mary A. (Hassinger) Gloninger, and thus was in the third generation of his family in the medical profession in this county, all of them notable as practitioners of medicine. He was the great-grandson of Col. (Judge) John Gloninger and a great-great-grandson of Philip Gloninger, the latter the immigrant ancestor from Germany of the Gloninger family in this country, who first settled along the Chickies Creek in Lancaster County, but soon after his marriage to Anna Barbara Swope, of Upper Leacock Township, in that county, moved to Lebanon Township, then a part of Lancaster County, and thus became one of the early settlers of what is now Lebanon County, settling on a tract of land in what is now North Cornwall Township, and on which tract was erected during the French and Indian War the "Gloninger Fort," a short distance west of the present City of Lebanon. The "Fort" served as a place of refuge for the early settlers. Nothing but a part of the old wall is left now.

His father, Dr. Cyrus D. Gloninger, was born March 13, 1824. After attending the Lebanon Academy, and taking a course at Marshall College, Mercersburg, Pa.; he took a medical course at the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, graduating there in 1846. He then took a two year medical course in Europe, and on his return to Lebanon took up the general practice of medicine and continued in the same until his death, August 23, 1872. He was for some years President of the Lebanon Bank, and one of the founders of the Lebanon Manufacturing Company, now the Hunsicker Engineering Company, Tenth and Scull streets.

His grandfather, Dr. John W. Gloninger, born in Lebanon, September 23, 1798, graduated as a Doctor of Medicine from the College of Physicians in New York City, 1819, and began practicing here the following year, and for thirty years maintained the position of Lebanon's leading physician. From 1841 to 1867 he was the President of the Lebanon Bank, founded in 1831, now the Lebanon National Bank, corner of Ninth and Cumberland streets, the first, and for many years the only bank in the town or in the county of Lebanon. He was of wide repute, and amongst the many distinguished services rendered by this former eminent citizen of Lebanon was as Trustee of Marshall College above referred to, and founder and Trustee of the Lebanon Academy, founded in 1810.

The great-grandfather, Col. (Judge) John Gloninger, born in Lebanon Township, then a part of Lancaster County, September 19, 1758, served in the War of the Revolution, becoming a Lieutenant Colonel. Later he served as a Representative in the Pennsylvania Assembly, session of 1790. From this he resigned to accept a seat in the State Senate. Still later he was appointed by Governor Mifflin an Associate Judge in Dauphin County, at a time when what is now Lebanon County was a part of Dauphin. When Lebanon County was erected in 1813 he became an Associate Judge in the newly formed county, and filled that position for many years. He departed this life January 22, 1836.

The great-great-grandfather, Philip Gloninger, born in 1719, already referred to as the immigrant ancestor, came from the Palatinate in Germany to Lancaster County in his youthful years, and there by marriage with Anna Barbara Swope became aligned with the large family by that name in this country, the story of which is told by Gilbert E. Swope of that family in a book of 390 pages, entitled "The Swope Family, 1676-1896," issued in Lancaster, Pa., 1896. As already shown this Philip Gloninger moved to Lebanon County, the first by that name in this county.

Although not in direct line between the immigrant, Philip Gloninger, and Dr. Andrew B. Gloninger, the subject of this sketch, a word needs to be said here of Rev. Philip Gloninger,

a son of Col. (Judge) John Gloninger, and a brother of Dr. John W. Gloninger. Rev. Philip was, in his way, the bright particular star of the family line. He stood high as a minister of the Reformed Church, served for years as such in Harrisburg, was of wide knowledge in the Latin, Greek, French, Italian, Spanish, Hebrew and German languages besides his own tongue, and well versed in biblical, historical and geographical literature, all of which he attained in the brief span of his years—only a little over 31 in number (1785-1816).

Dr. Andrew B. took his earliest course in the public schools of Lebanon, then a course at Franklin and Marshall College, graduating there with the class of 1880, following this with a course in the University of Pennsylvania, where he was given his diploma with the class of 1883.

Returning to Lebanon, he began the practice of his profession, occupying the same office which almost three quarters of a century had been that of his father and of his grandfather, in a building, corner of Ninth and Cumberland streets, erected in pre-Revolutionary times by the eminent General John Philip de Haas, of Colonial and Revolutionary fame, but now disposed of by the executors of the Gloninger estate to an automobile concern. *Sic transit gloria mundi!*

Dr. Gloninger's rise in his profession was rapid, and his ability as a surgeon was recognized in his appointment as Chief Surgeon of the Good Samaritan Hospital, founded in Lebanon in the year 1893. After a term of ten years in that hospital he, in 1903, established the Lebanon Sanatorium, Fourth and Willow streets, for the treatment of private patients. Under his direction, and as a result of his remarkable work there, both as a physician and a surgeon, the Sanatorium early won, and thereafter maintained, a wide reputation for the treatment of medical and surgical cases. During the years of his practice he made three separate trips to Europe in order to specialize with eminent practitioners in London, Paris and Vienna along the line of eye, ear and nose affections.

Dr. Gloninger also had a military record—in a professional way. During the Spanish-American War he accepted a place on the Medical Staff of the Fourth Pennsylvania Infantry, and

accompanied it to Porto Rico. Previous to this he was actively identified with the Lebanon Rifles, which was mustered in as Co. H, Fourth Regiment. When the Pennsylvania Guard was summoned for service on the Mexican border he spent some time in that service.

He was a member of the Steitz Club, the Lebanon B. and P. Order of Elks, of local and State Medical Associations, the Lebanon County Historical Society as one of fifteen movers in 1897 for the organization of that Society, and a member of St. John's Reformed Church, and was identified with the Ephrata and Lebanon Traction Co., incorporated in 1909, as its Treasurer and one of its Board of Directors, and with the Gloninger Limestone Co. He also was a member of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants on his mother's side, who was a Beaumont, and of Massachusetts ancestry per John Alden, of Mayflower lineage. He entered into marriage with Miss Josephine Wylie, of Lancaster, Pa., June 16, 1889, who survives him, together with a son, John, and a daughter, Josephine.

In the foregoing considerable has been said as to Dr. Gloninger's honorable descent, and of his professional attainments and services. Much of this service was rendered by him gratuitously to the poor and needy, of which only he and the recipients had knowledge, and of which he made no parade. He had many warm friends who held him at his true worth, and to those who were kind to him he returned kindness in full measure. His call hence, in the very zenith of his manifold activities, caused a feeling of profound sorrow in many circles, and in many homes wherein he had ministered so many years, this sorrow not only on his own account but for the further reason that his departure ended the name here of a family the achievements of which had been distinctively pre-eminent during a century and a half, or more, of Lebanon history.

S.P.H.













